

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to all of the claims now in the application (i.e., Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 20-24, and 27) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowability of Claims 20-24 and the Examiner's tentative indication of the allowability of Claims 4, if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim, and Claims 5-6 if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejection and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of Claim 4 into Claim 1 and the dependent Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to resolve the 112 objections and are now ultimately dependent upon this currently amended independent Claim 1 so as to place Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 in condition for allowance. Applicant has also cancelled claim 2 since it was repetitive of claim 3. Moreover, Applicant has cancelled withdrawn Claims 8-19, and 25-26 without prejudice by way of this amendment, so as to allow Applicant to prosecute these claims via a divisional application.

Concerning Claim 27, in the Office Action on pages 1 and 7 it indicates that Claim 20 is allowed, while on page 6, Claim 20 is rejected under section 103. It is believed that the detailed rejection of "Claim 20" actually dealt with Claim 27 since it refers specifically to the "drain mast" which appears in Claim 27 and not Claim 20. In

light thereof, and assuming the rejection applied to Claim 27, Claim 27 has been amended in a manner comparable to that of Claim 1, by including therein the subject matter of Claim 4 so as to place the claim in condition for allowance.

Moreover, Applicant has amended the Specification as requested by the Examiner. All references to numeral reference "104" on page 14 and 15 has been changed to "102". In addition, the drawings related to Figs. 20 & 21 have been corrected to properly label the chambers 102, 104 to resolve the drawing objections thereto. The drawings related to Figs. 18 and 19 have also been corrected to properly label the spring biased plunger 210, the spring 212 and the threaded sleeve 216. Two minor errors in Figs. 19 and 21 have been corrected. In Fig. 19, the upper flange of plunger 210 has been shortened so that its vertically extending outside wall lies flush and in vertical registry with the inside vertical wall adjacent to the spring 212. This correction allows the spring-biased plunger 210 to move in a reciprocal vertical manner relative to the seat on outer annular flange 204 as described on pages 14 and 15 of the specification. In Fig. 21, the block symbol in the upper right hand corner of the valve 226 has been removed so that the same functions as correctly set forth in the specification at pages 16-18. It is not believed that these corrections add any new matter to the application since they would be obvious to one skilled in the art to allow the illustrated valves to function as intended and as specifically described in the specification as noted above.

As to the Examiner's objection relative to the reference to the upper drain and lower drain in Claim 4, an upper drain port 122 and a lower drain port 124 are shown in Figs. 20 and 21 and described in the specification at page 15, first paragraph.

Finally, Applicant hereby requests a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Credit Card payment form no. PTO 2038 in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed. Any fee deficiency or overpayment may be charged or credited to applicant's Deposit Account No. 07-0130.

In light of the above, it is believed that Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 20-24 and 27 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, formal allowance of these claims at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the three (3) replacement sheets of drawings for Figs. 18, 19, 20 and 21 for the drawings containing Figs. 18 - 21 of record.